

A group of boxers are seen from behind, standing in a line in a boxing ring. They are wearing black t-shirts. In the background, a large American flag is illuminated. The scene is lit with blue and purple stage lights.

MINNESOTA STATE BOXING RANKINGS

THIRD QUARTER - 2016

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RANKING PANEL

- Bobby Brunette – Advisory Council Chair
- Veid Muiznieks – Advisory Council Member
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Department of Athletic Regulation
- Dan Cole – KFAN Radio Personality
- Adonis Frazier – Local Promoter
- Tony Grygelko – Local Promoter
- Jesse Kelley – Photographer and Journalist
- Cory Rapacz – Local Promoter/Matchmaker
- Zach Walters – Local Promoter/Retired Boxer
- Todd Bechthold – Local Matchmaker/Trainer

RANKING PROCESS

No less than 10 days prior to each quarter, members of the ranking panel will submit their rankings via email to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry – Office of Combative Sports (OCS). Each member will submit their own personal top five (5) rankings for each of the defined weight classes. OCS will review each set of rankings and assign points to each fighter based on where they are ranked by each panel member. Points will be assigned as follows:

- 5 points for a #1 ranking; 4 points for a #2 ranking; 3 points for a #3 ranking; 2 points for a #4 ranking; 1 point for a #5 ranking

Final rankings will be based on the total number of points received. The fighter with the most points will get the #1 ranking; the fighter with the second most points gets the #2 ranking, and so forth, all the way down to the #5 ranking.

In order for a weight class to be ranked, there must be a minimum of three (3) eligible fighters within that class. If there are less than three (3) eligible fighters within a weight class, that weight class will not be considered for rankings or titles.

FIGHTER ELIGIBILITY

RANKING ELIGIBILITY

- Must have fought a minimum of three (3) professional bouts
- Must be a resident of Minnesota and have fought at least once in the last twenty-four (24) months OR fought a minimum of three (3) professional bouts in Minnesota with at least one (1) bout taking place in Minnesota within the last twenty-four (24) months
- An individual may be ranked in more than a single weight class. An individual must make weight, and compete, within a weight class at least once within the last forty-eight (48) months in order to be considered for ranking in that weight class

TITLE FIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Any individual ranked in the top five (5) of a particular weight class is eligible to compete for a state title within that division. However, the top two ranked individuals in a vacant weight class will be given the first opportunity to fight for the title; and the #1 ranked contender will be given the first opportunity to challenge the title holder in his weight class.

In the event that an agreement can't be reached between the top two (2) ranked individuals, a promoter may submit a written request to use another individual(s) ranked in the top five (5).

DLI-OCS reserves the right to deny approval for any particular combination or pairing for a state title fight.

HEAVYWEIGHT (201 lbs +)

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	45	Joey Abell	32-9
2 (2)	36	Aaron Green	16-1
3 (3)	24	Van Goodman	4-6-2
T-4 (4)	11	John Moxey Jr	2-5
T-4 (UR)	11	Travis Fulton	23-43-1

CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

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CRUISERWEIGHT (176-200lbs)

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	45	Al Sands	17-2
2 (3)	32	Mengistu Zarzar	6-0
3 (UR)	22	Harley Kilfian	10-16
4 (UR)	12	Ryan Watson	2-0-1
5 (4)	10	Romando Papsadora	2-2

CHAMPION	RECORD
Phil Williams (08/28/2016)	15-8-2

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LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (169-175lbs)

CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (2)	35	Joe Amouta	6-1
2 (1)	29	Anthony Bonsante	34-13-3
3 (3)	22	Deangelo Curtis	2-2
4 (4)	11	Lexie Keshick	2-3
5 (5)	7	Harley Kilfian	10-16

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SUPER-MIDDLEWEIGHT (161-168LBS)



RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	39	Caleb Truax	26-3-2
2 (2)	29	Robert Brant	20-0
3 (4)	21	Joe Amouta	6-1
4 (3)	17	Cerresso Fort	18-4-1
5 (5)	11	Andy Kolle	26-5

CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

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MIDDLEWEIGHT (155-160lbs)



RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	45	Robert Brant	20-0
2 (3)	27	Andy Kolle	26-5
3 (2)	25	Cerresso Fort	18-4-1
4 (4)	16	Antonio Johnson	12-1-1
5 (UR)	8	George Carter Jr	13-2-1

CHAMPION	RECORD
Caleb Truax (Indefinite)	26-3-2

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JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT (148-154lbs)

CHAMPION	RECORD
Antonio Johnson (1/22/2017)	12-1-1

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	43	Javontae Starks	13-1
2 (2)	34	Mohammed Kayongo	18-5-1
3 (4)	12	DeLorien Caraway	6-0
4 (UR)	7	Jamal James	19-0
T-5 (4)	6	Charles Meier	8-4-2
T-5 (UR)	6	VeShawn Owens	3-0

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WELTERWEIGHT (141-147lbs)

INTERIM CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	


RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	45	Mohammed Kayongo	18-5-1
2 (3)	28	RJ Laase	12-3
3 (2)	23	Rondale Hubbert	10-4-1
T-4 (5)	9	Harold Calderon	9-0
T-4 (4)	9	Delorian Caraway	6-0

CHAMPION	RECORD
Jamal James (Pending Return)	19-0

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JR. WELTERWEIGHT (136–140lbs)

A background image of a boxing match. A Black boxer in orange and black trunks is throwing a right-hand jab at a white boxer in white trunks. The white boxer is flinching from the impact. The scene is set in a boxing ring with red ropes.

CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	43	Rondale Hubbert	10-4-1
T-2 (2)	26	Tony Lee	11-1-1
T-2 (3)	26	RJ Lasse	12-3
4 (5)	17	Markus Morris	9-2
5 (4)	11	Jeremy McLaurin	11-9-1

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LIGHTWEIGHT (131-135lbs)

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	42	Ismail Muwendo	17-0
2 (3)	31	Duarn Vue	9-0-2
T-3 (5)	11	Jeremy McLaurin	11-9-1
T-3 (UR)	11	Nate Rubin	3-0-1
5 (UR)	10	Brad Patraw	10-8

CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

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JR. LIGHTWEIGHT (127-130lbs)

CHAMPION

RECORD

VACANT

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	37	Duarn Vue	9-0-2
2 (3)	30	Ismael Muwendo	17-0
3 (4)	15	Brad Patraw	10-8
4 (2)	14	Jacob Fox	2-4
5 (4)	10	Jeremy McLaurin	11-9-1

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FEATHERWEIGHT (123-126lbs)


CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	37	Jonathan Perez	12-0
2 (2)	30	Brad Patraw	10-8
3 (4)	22	Duarn Vue	9-0-2
4 (3)	19	Philip Adyaka	5-7
5 (5)	6	Sirwan Ibrahim	1-2

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JR. FEATHERWEIGHT (119-122lbs)

A composite image featuring a boxing match on the left and a victory celebration on the right. In the match, a boxer in green trunks is being hit by a red-gloved punch. In the celebration, a boxer in white trunks has his arms raised in triumph, wearing a red and gold championship belt, while a referee and another man look on.

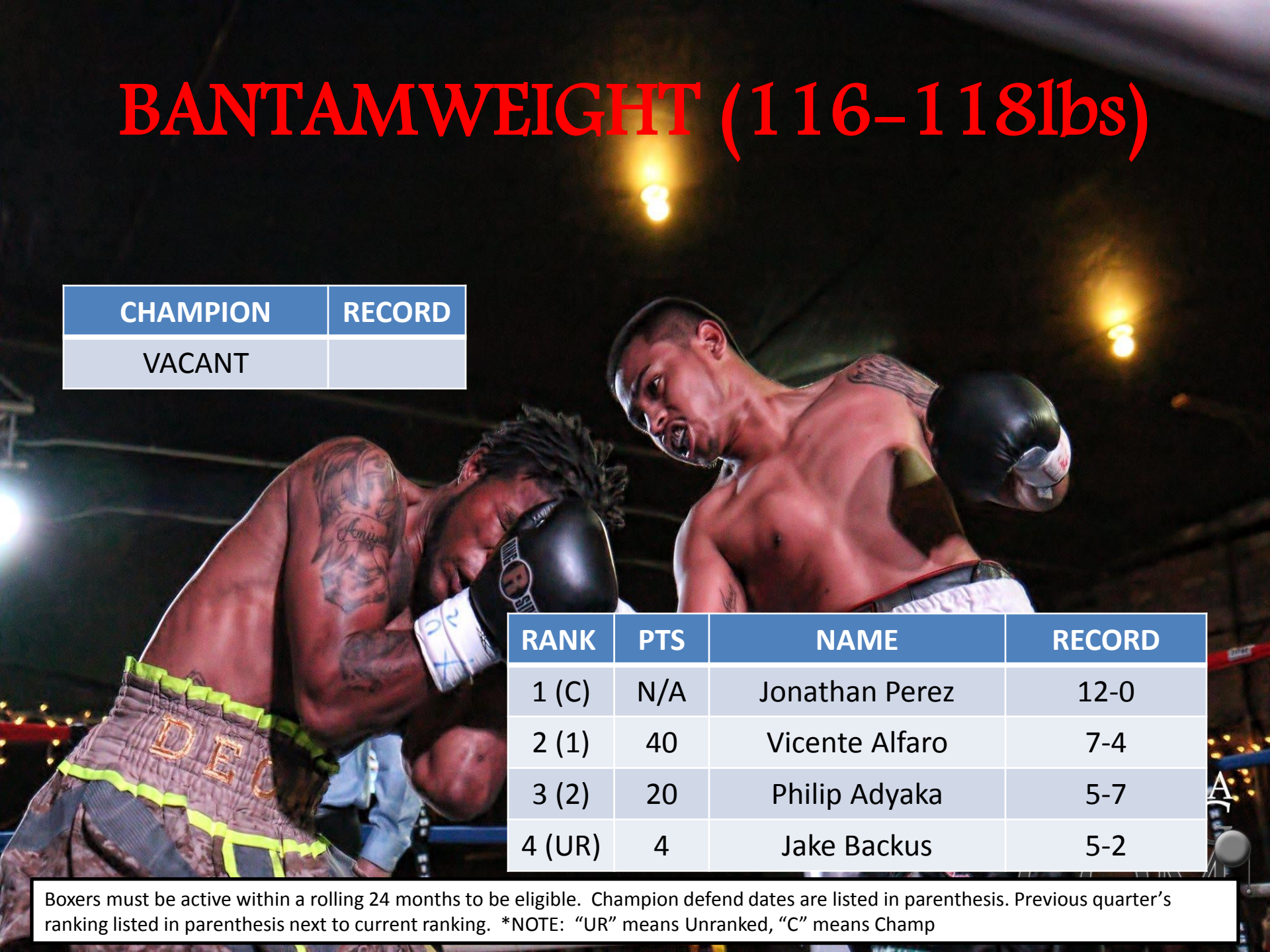
NAME	RECORD
Vicente Alfaro (Indefinite)	7-4

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (1)	35	Jonathan Perez	12-0
2 (1)	29	Jake Backus	5-2
3 (UR)	12	Philip Adyaka	5-7
4 (4)	11	Sirwan Ibrahim	1-2
5 (3)	6	Antwan Robertson	10-15-1

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BANTAMWEIGHT (116-118lbs)

CHAMPION	RECORD
VACANT	

A background image showing two boxers in a ring. One boxer, with tattoos and wearing brown trunks with yellow trim, is in a defensive crouch. The other boxer, wearing white trunks, is leaning forward, possibly throwing a punch. The scene is lit with bright overhead lights.

RANK	PTS	NAME	RECORD
1 (C)	N/A	Jonathan Perez	12-0
2 (1)	40	Vicente Alfaro	7-4
3 (2)	20	Philip Adyaka	5-7
4 (UR)	4	Jake Backus	5-2

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Dropped from Rankings

- Stephen Watt – Jr. Middleweight (Inactivity)
- Jason Litzau– Lightweight (Ineligible)

New #1 Contenders

- Joe Amouta (Light Heavyweight)

Dropped from Top 5

- Brett Murphy (Heavyweight)
- Lucas St Clair (Cruiserweight)
- Anthony Bonsante (Super Middleweight)
- Carl Deaton (Middleweight)
- Allen Litzau (Welterweight)
- Willshaun Boxley (Lightweight)

MOVERS AND SHAKERS (cont.)

Enter Top 5

- Travis Fulton (Heavyweight)
- Harley Kilfian (Cruiserweight)
- Ryan Watson (Cruiserweight)
- George Carter Jr (Middleweight)
- Jamal James (Jr. Middleweight)
- Veshawn Owens (Jr. Middleweight)
- Nate Rubin (Lightweight)
- Brad Patraw (Lightweight)
- Philip Adyaka (Jr. Featherweight)
- Jake Backus (Bantamweight)

Moving Up

- Mengistu Zarzar (Cruiserweight 3-2)
- Joe Amouta (Lt. Heavyweight 2-1)
- Joe Amouta (Super Midweight 4-3)
- Andy Kolle (Middleweight 3-2)
- DeLorien Caraway (Jr. Mid 4-3)
- RJ Laase (Welterweight 3-2)
- Harold Calderon (Welterweight 5-4)
- RJ Laase (Jr. Welterweight 3-2)
- Markus Morris (Jr. Welterweight 5-4)
- Duarn Vue (Lightweight 3-2)
- Jeremy McLaurin (Lightweight 5-3)
- Ismael Muwendo (Jr. Lightweight 3-2)
- Brad Patraw (Jr. Lightweight 4-3)
- Duarn Vue (Featherweight 4-3)

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Honorable mentions are fighters who are not currently eligible and are showing up on the Ranking Panel's rankings, or fighters who a ranker didn't put in their top 5, but wants them recognized. These are fighters to keep an eye on as they are quickly making a name for themselves:

- Al Sands (17-2) – Heavyweight
- Nathan Rosa (1-0) – Heavyweight
- BJ Lacy (0-1) – Cruiserweight
- Thomas Ray (3-1-1) Cruiserweight
- Damon Reed (48-19) – Cruiserweight
- Cory Thompson (2-0) – Light Heavyweight
- Jos Eichelberger (1-0) – Light Heavyweight
- Anthony Bonsante (34-13-3) – Super Middleweight
- Dalton Outlaw (2-0) – Super Middleweight
- Brandon Jenkins (1-0) – Middleweight
- Markus Morris (9-2) – Middleweight and Welterweight
- Nate Richardson (1-1) – Welterweight
- Abraham Kiawu (0-1) – Junior Featherweight

ALSO RECEIVING VOTES

- Heavyweight
 - Brett Murphy (6pts)
 - Al Sands (1pt)
- Cruiserweight
 - Lucas St Clair(3pts)
 - Joe Lorenzi (1pt)
- Light Heavyweight
 - Marcus Oliveira (5pts)
 - Kenneth Glenn (3pts)
- Super Middleweight
 - George Carter Jr (4pts)
 - Colby Courter (4pts)
 - Deangelo Curtis (3pts)
 - Phil Williams (2pts)
 - Anthony Bonsante (1pt)
- Middleweight
 - Carl Deaton (4pts)
 - Mohammed Kayongo (3pts)
- Junior Middleweight
 - Harold Calderon (4pts)
 - Allen Litzau (3pts)
 - Celso Ramirez (3pts)
 - Rondale Hubbert (2pts)
 - Damien Hill (1pt)
 - Stan Martyniuk (1pt)
 - Carl Deaton (1pt)
- Welterweight
 - Allen Litzau (6pts)
 - Markus Morris (6pts)
 - Stan Martyniuk (1pt)
 - Tony Lee (1pt)
- Junior Welterweight
 - Jason Litzau (5pts)
 - Stan Martyniuk (5pts)
 - Nate Rubin (2pts)
- Lightweight
 - Willshaun Boxley (6pts)
 - Tony Lee (6pts)
 - Gavino Guaman (1pt)
 - Winston Anderson (1pt)
 - Philip Adyaka (1pt)
 - Trevor Marmon (1pt)
- Junior Lightweight
 - Jonathan Perez (3pts)
 - Gavino Guaman (2pts)
 - Philip Adyaka (1pt)
 - Jake Backus (1pt)
 - Ramiro Hernandez (1pt)

NEWS AND NOTES

- Bantamweight champion Jonathan Perez loses indefinite champion status as an offer was received to defend the title. Perez declined the offer and voluntarily relinquished the belt for failure to defend within the mandatory 12 months. The Bantamweight title is now vacant and Perez named the #1 contender. Perez may not compete for the vacant title unless no other match-up within the top 5 can be made.
- On May 7, #1 Jr. Lightweight contender Duarn Vue (9-0-2) defeated Jorge Luis Munguia (12-4) by Unanimous Decision (120-107, 119-108, 120-106) to win the vacant WBF World Featherweight Title.
- Undefeated #1 MN Middleweight contender Robert Brant (20-0) is scheduled to compete in a 10 round bout on August 5 in Temecula, California. Brant's opponent is yet to be determined.
- Undefeated MN State Welterweight Champion Jamal James (19-0) is scheduled to compete in a 10 round bout against Wale Omotoso (26-2) on July 17 in Birmingham, Alabama. The bout will be one of the featured bouts televised on Fox Sports 1.
- Driller Promotions will be holding an event on August 26 at the Cabooze in Minneapolis. The event is scheduled to feature 5 professional bouts including a State Featherweight title bout.
- PMG 360 Promotions will be holding an event September 17 at El Nuevo Rodeo in Minneapolis. The event is scheduled to feature 10 professional bouts.
- Special thanks to Jesse Kelley who provides all of the great photos!!!! Make sure to check out minnesotaboxing.com for up to date MN boxing news.

TITLE HISTORY

- **Cruiserweight** – Phil Williams (August 28, 2015 – Present)
 - Al Sands (April 27, 2013 – August 28, 2015)
- **Middleweight** – Caleb Truax (May 27, 2011 – Present)
 - Andy Kolle (March 28, 2009 – May 27, 2011)
 - Anthony Bonsante (November 17, 2006 – March 28, 2009)
- **Jr. Middleweight** – Antonio Johnson (January 22, 2016 – Present)
 - Corey Rodriguez (June 13, 2014 – January 2015 (Retired))
- **Welterweight** – Vacant Interim Title
 - Jamal James (September 21, 2013 – Present)
- **Jr. Welterweight** – Vacant
 - Rondale Hubbert (August 22, 2014 – January 2016 (Failure to defend))
- **Jr. Featherweight** – Vicente Alfaro (February 9, 2013 – Present)
- **Bantamweight** – Vacant
 - Jonathan Perez (November 14, 2014 – June 29, 2016 (Failure to defend))